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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles — Suspect Arrested in Shooting of Two Jewish Men

(U) Jamie Tran, suspected of shooting two Jewish men after they left synagogues in the Pico-Robertson district less than 24-hours apart was charged Friday with two federal hate crime counts. He is charged with committing a hate crime by interference with federally protected activities and use of a firearm in a felony. Tran admitted to investigators that he shot the two victims, and that he looked up "kosher markets" on Yelp and "decided to shoot someone in the area of the market." If convicted Tran can face a life-sentence to federal prison.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

(U) Dublin — More Than \$1 Million of Stolen Merchandise Recovered in California

(U) More than \$1 million worth of merchandise was recovered after authorities established it was connected to a retail theft operation in Oakland. Dublin police responded to a grand theft at an Ulta Beauty store which led to a search warrant for a fence operation in Oakland. During the search authorities recovered an AR-15 ghost gun, variety of designer fragrances, clothing, and sneakers.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [SF Gate](#)

NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia — GoDaddy Source Code Stolen and Malware Installed in Breach

(U) Washington — Webhosting company, GoDaddy, suffered a breach where unknown attackers have stolen source code and installed malware on its servers in a multi-year attack. GoDaddy is now working with external cybersecurity forensics experts and law enforcement agencies worldwide as part of an ongoing investigation into the root cause of the breach. Based on investigations, the incidents are part of a multi-year campaign by a sophisticated threat actor group. GoDaddy is one of the largest domain registrars and provides hosting services to more than 20 million customers worldwide.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [Bleeping Computer](#)

(U) Mississippi — Suspect in Custody After Killing Six in Tate County

(U) Arkabutla — Six people were shot to death in Arkabutla, Mississippi on Friday. Richard Crum shot all the victims, including his ex-wife and stepfather, at three different locations. Crum is charged with one-count of capital murder with other charges pending and is being held without bond. Investigators have not released a motive for his rampage. Local schools went on lockdown as half-a-dozen lives were lost in one day in a town of 285 people.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [Action News](#)

(U) New York — Dark Web Drug Ring Laundered \$7.2 Million with Cryptocurrency

(U) Manhattan — Manhattan's District Attorney indicted a group of five for operating a dark web marketplace known as FireBunnyUSA that shipped more than 10,000 packages of cocaine, MDMA, Ketamine, and other substances to customers in all 50 states and Washington, DC. The ring shipped more than 10,000 drug packages and used cryptocurrency to launder proceeds. FireBunny operated

from January 2019 to August 2022 and laundered \$7.2 million, including over \$3.1 million in proceeds through cryptocurrency exchanges.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [Manhattan DA](#)

(U) Oregon — Medford Police Bust Cocaine Trafficking Operation Tied to Mexican Cartel

(U) Medford — The Medford Police Department (MPD) and the Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement (MADGE) team arrested four individuals involved with a cocaine drug trafficking organization from a two-year investigation. The four were arrested for the unlawful delivery, unlawful manufacturing, and unlawful possession of cocaine, among other charges. Detectives seized \$165,000 in cash, 86 firearms, cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and more than 90-pounds of marijuana and/or marijuana extracts. It is confirmed that cocaine was being distributed from the Mexico border at ports in California and Texas, and its source was confirmed to be a Mexican Cartel.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [KDRV News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Syria — ISIS Commander killed and Troops Wounded in Syria Raid

(U) On 16 February a helicopter raid led by the US military left a senior leader with the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) dead and four American service members wounded in Syria. According to a statement by the US military, an operation was conducted in partnership with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) which is allied with the US. It identified the killed ISIS commander as Hamza al-Homsi. Despite the ISIS defeat in Syria in March 2019, ISIS sleeper cells still conduct attacks around Syria and Iraq where they once declared a “caliphate.” There are reports on Friday, ISIS gunmen in central Syria shot dead at least 36 civilians.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [AP News](#)

(U) Spain — Spain Orders Extradition of British Hacker to US

(U) Madrid — Spain’s National Court agreed to the extradition to the US of Joseph O’Connor, a British citizen who allegedly hacked the Twitter accounts of public figures such as Joseph Biden, Barack Obama, and Bill Gates. He is charged with 14 crimes including membership of a criminal gang, illegal access to computer systems, internet fraud, money laundering and extortion. Court documents state he is also wanted for several cases of “swatting,” prank calls to emergency services aimed at getting large numbers of police to be sent to different locations. Connor is wanted by courts in the Northern District of California and the Southern District of New York.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

(U) Nigeria — Gunmen Kill Eight Police Officers Days Before Presidential Vote

(U) Abuja — Suspected separatist gunmen have killed at least eight police officers over the past three-days in southeast Nigeria days before the presidential election. Four officers were killed in an attack at a station in Anambra. The assailants opened fire on officers while detonating explosives. Authorities stated three of the attackers were killed and two arrested. Police blamed the attacks on a separatist group known as the Indigenous People of Biafra, or IPOB.

SOURCE: 17 February 2023, [AP News](#)

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